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My dear People

The Son of Man came to serve, and not to be served. This service, however, was not limited to His friends. His Mission was clearly to all mankind. It is that universal task of His which the Church is to carry on.

You and I are the Church, so we too must serve all mankind. This is the purpose of the United Community Chest of Greater Rochester and of the many agencies of Catholic Charities that depend heavily for financial support from the Community Chest.

In the spirit of mutual cooperation as the community of God, I wholeheartedly encourage you to be most generous in your contribution to the 1974 United Community Chest - Red Cross Campaingn.

With the same enthusiasm I also beseech your prayers that together we may accomplish Christ's Mission on earth:

Begging God's blessings on all of you, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rochester

Most Rev. Joseph L. Hogan

The leadership of the Catholic Church in the field of Rochester charities is historical fact. More than that, the teachings of the Church go far in making people aware of the needs of our fellow men.

The needs are greater in 1974 than ever before. Inflation has hit social welfare agencies as hard as any citizen, be he executive or factory worker. Many of those very factory workers who have been so generous to you and us in the past are no longer wage earners because of the effects of the energy crisis. In sum, the need is greater, but the people able to meet those needs are fewer.

The United Community Chest and the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter of the American National Red Cross have welcomed your support and leadership in past years. My colleagues join me in expressing the hope that a continuing spirit of cooperation and sense of common goal will prevail in the relationship between the United Community Chest and the Catholic Church.

With gratitude,

General Chairman
1974 United Community Chest/

Red Cross Campaign